

MINUTES
LEXINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL
March 25, 2003

Lexington County Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 25, 2003, in Council Chambers, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Chairman Davis presided; Mr. Rucker gave the invocation; Mr. Carrigg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members attending:	George H. Smokey Davis	John W. Carrigg, Jr.
	Bruce E. Rucker	William C. Billy Derrick
	Jacob R. Wilkerson	Bobby C. Keisler
	Johnny W. Jeffcoat	Joseph W. Joe Owens
	M. Todd Cullum	

Also attending: Art Brooks, County Administrator; Larry Porth, Finance Director/Deputy County Administrator; Katherine Doucett, Personnel Director/Deputy County Administrator; Jeff Anderson, County Attorney; other staff members, citizens of the county and representatives of the media.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, and posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building.

Introduction of New Council Member - Chairman Davis - Mr. Davis congratulated Mr. Keisler on his first official meeting; he was sworn in last week and on behalf of Council Mr. Davis welcomed Mr. Keisler.

Mr. Keisler stated that he appreciated being a member of Council, he wanted to work with all the members of Council, he thought he would enjoy it.

Employee Recognition - Art Brooks, County Administrator - Mr. Brooks stated that most of the recognition was done at the Employee Banquet held Friday, March 21, at the Sheraton. He stated that Council's participation was appreciated, he thanked the Personnel Department and the Employee Committee and all the employees that volunteered to help with the event. Mr. Brooks added that Clay Hughes, Mechanic with Fleet Services, was named employee of the year. He stated that he appreciated Council's support of the Banquet as did the employees.

Resolutions - Megan Dooley - A motion was made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Cullum that the Resolution honoring Ms. Dooley be adopted.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Cullum
	Mr. Rucker	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Keisler

Mr. Jeffcoat
Mr. Owens

Mr. Carrigg

Dr. George Fann; Mr. Steven Mungo - A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat and seconded by Mr. Derrick that the Resolutions honoring Dr. Fann and Mr. Mungo be adopted.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor: Mr. Davis Mr. Jeffcoat
 Mr. Derrick Mr. Rucker
 Mr. Wilkerson Mr. Keisler
 Mr. Carrigg Mr. Owens
 Mr. Cullum

Appointments - Lexington County Health Services District - Mr. Owens nominated Dr. James S. Givens for reappointment; seconded by Mr. Wilkerson.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor: Mr. Davis Mr. Owens
 Mr. Wilkerson Mr. Rucker
 Mr. Derrick Mr. Keisler
 Mr. Jeffcoat Mr. Carrigg
 Mr. Cullum

Planning Commission - Mr. Keisler nominated Mr. Billy Irwin for reappointment; seconded by Mr. Wilkerson.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor: Mr. Davis Mr. Keisler
 Mr. Wilkerson Mr. Rucker
 Mr. Derrick Mr. Jeffcoat
 Mr. Carrigg Mr. Owens
 Mr. Cullum

Zoning Board of Appeals - Mr. Keisler nominated Ms. Dorothy Young for reappointment; seconded by Mr. Derrick.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; none occurred.

In Favor: Mr. Davis Mr. Keisler
 Mr. Derrick Mr. Rucker
 Mr. Wilkerson Mr. Jeffcoat
 Mr. Carrigg Mr. Owens
 Mr. Cullum

Bids/Purchases/RFPS - A motion was made by Mr. Rucker and seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat that Council approve staff recommendations on the Computer Purchase - State contract - Law Enforcement; Carpet - State Contract - Law Enforcement; Jail Management System - Hardware and Software - Law Enforcement; Sole Source - MSA Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus - Fire Service; Motorola Radios - Fire Service; Request to Utilize RFP Process - IRS Section 125 Insurance Plan.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Derrick stated that he thought there was to be a change on the carpet for Law Enforcement.

Mr. Davis stated that he was not aware of a change.

The Clerk indicated that the change she had been made aware of was in the total cost which should be changed from \$34,336.19 to \$34,136.19.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick to amend the motion to remove the carpet for Law Enforcement in order to discuss it as a separate item.

Mr. Rucker stated this was fine with him if the second was agreeable. Mr. Jeffcoat agreed to remove the carpet from the original motion.

Computer Purchase - Sheriff's Department - Proposed purchase includes 13 Dell Laptop Computers, five (5) Dell Computers and five (5) Dell Monitors for purchase directly from Dell Computer through State Contract. Cost of laptops \$24,666.60 including sales tax; desktops and monitors \$4,693.50 including sales tax; total \$29,360.10;

Jail Management System - Hardware and Software; Dell Server and Computers; Microsoft Software; Progress Software and Maintenance - Sheriff's Department - Bids were solicited and advertised for the purchase of a Jail Management System. One bid was received and staff recommended the Management System be purchased from Text and Data Technologies, Inc., for a total cost of \$48,300. Computer monitors be obtained through SAI Computers for a total cost of \$3,330.60; Norton Antivirus and Microsoft Office Professional XP software be purchased from Software House International at a cost of \$8,454.61; Progress software, licenses and one year maintenance to Progress Software at a total cost of \$11,562.41; Dell Server and Computers to Dell Computer Corporation for a total cost of \$23,590.35. Total cost of project including shipping, handling and all applicable sales tax - \$95,237.97.

MSA Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (Sole Source Procurement) - Fire Service

- Fire Service requested the purchase of Mine Safety Appliance (MSA) Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus be deemed a sole source through Newton's Fire and Safety Equipment, Inc., as they are the only authorized dealer for South Carolina. Firefighters must be "fit tested" for breathing apparatus and with over 400 firefighters Fire Service needs to maintain the same equipment. Cost totals \$107,427.60 including applicable tax; SCBA Face Pieces \$92,400; (22) Comms Device for SCBA \$13,925.10; Air Packs and Air Cylinders \$1,102.50.

Motorola Radios - Fire Service - Bids were solicited and advertised for Motorola Radios; eight bids were received. Staff has recommended the award be made to SAT Radio Communications, LTD, as being the low bidder. Cost of equipment \$40,996.77 including applicable tax.

Request to Utilize RFP Process - IRS Section 125 Insurance Plan - Staff requested approval to use the Request for Proposals (RFP) process to seek competitive proposals from potential qualified firms for a term contract for the administration of the IRS Section 125 Insurance Plan for county employees. The Section 125 plan to offer at a minimum - vision care, accident insurance, cancer policy with specified disease rider, hospital intensive care protection, voluntary indemnity plan and flexible spending accounts for medical expenses and dependent care. Other available post-tax policies include family legal plan, personal short term disability, long term disability, guaranteed issue/guaranteed rate portable universal life insurance as well as a term life alternative insurance plan.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Owens
	Mr. Cullum	

Carpet - State Contract - Law Enforcement - Mr. Davis asked for a motion on the carpet.

A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat and seconded by Mr. Cullum that the purchase and installation of carpet be awarded through State Contract to Bonitz Floor Group for a total cost of \$34,136.19, including sales tax.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Derrick asked Ms. Fulmer, Procurement Manager, if this was a "running" state contract with Bonitz which is available to the county.

Ms. Fulmer responded that the county is allowed to purchase through any of the state contracts that are available.

Mr. Derrick asked, and they have already bid that out.

Ms. Fulmer replied, yes. She stated that the \$200 deduction was for one of the offices that does not have partitions that have to be lifted.

Mr. Davis commented that he had been advised by legal counsel that Council may need to discuss the item in executive session.

A motion was made by Mr. Carrigg and seconded by Mr. Derrick that the motion be tabled.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Owens
	Mr. Cullum	

Chairman's Report - Mr. Derrick - Use Fee Discussion - Mr. Davis recognized Mr. Derrick.

Mr. Derrick stated that he wanted to find out if there was a consensus on Council to expend a lot of staff time, labor and resources to figure out if Council wanted to implement a user fee. He stated that in the discussions about solid waste disposal, there seemed to be a lot of interest in a user fee system rather than an ad valorem tax system paying for solid waste disposal. Mr. Derrick stated that there were some draw backs to the user fee - anyone exempt from any taxes, i.e., state relief on a \$50,000 house, currently pays no taxes. If the county implements a user fee, it will be applicable to everyone. He stated that the \$100,000 home is possibly paying the appropriate fee based on ad valorem tax for waste disposal; anyone living in any home less than \$100,000, the bill would go up and they would get a bill for waste disposal versus getting it in their tax bill. Mr. Derrick stated that businesses and homes worth more than \$100,000 will receive a sizable break. He stated that the home less than \$100,000 paying less ad valorem taxes is going to see a huge increase in the solid waste disposal fee; the home worth \$100,000 is going to receive a big break.

Mr. Cullum asked why would the user fee discussion even be entertained; is it for equity and parity or to redistribute the costs.

Mr. Derrick stated that these are the comments he has heard made because it distributes the costs more equitably.

Mr. Cullum stated if he understood correctly, the millage would be deducted from the property tax bill for solid waste.

Mr. Derrick commented, that's right; or the county could do some sort of combination, but the theory, he thought, was to take away the ad valorem tax completely for any kind

of waste disposal, transportation, etc., everything that relates to that enterprise rather than charging through the ad valorem tax, charge it through a user fee.

Mr. Carrigg stated that as far as commercial entities, they currently pay through ad valorem taxation.

Mr. Derrick stated that this is correct and they would receive a huge benefit.

Mr. Carrigg commented, so industry is currently subsidizing the everyday resident; under the user fee, the resident would pick up the difference.

Mr. Derrick stated that the residents would pick up everything that's being burdened now by big business.

Mr. Carrigg stated that he liked it the way it was.

Mr. Derrick stated that every time waste collection is discussed everyone says let's implement the user fee.

Mr. Cullum stated that he thought Council found out in the discussions with Cayce and West Columbia and the other municipalities that at least 10% or better of the municipalities pay up and above what they're paying now in millage; there are also some smaller businesses that don't get the benefit of what they are being charged because they just don't generate the waste they are paying for through the millage. He stated that was the one thing he left the meeting with - they were after equity and parity more than anything else. Mr. Cullum stated that he did not want to ask a widow to pay a bill when commercial entities are now basically subsidizing that. He stated that he did not want to place that burden on some of the senior citizens in the community, but an equitable solution was needed.

Mr. Owens asked if the question would have to be answered by budget time.

Mr. Derrick replied, no, it did not have to be done at all; he wanted to see if there was a consensus on Council to spend the resources necessary to find out exactly how many houses are in the county, how many businesses are in the county and what kind, how much waste is generated by each and to develop a user fee for each of the entities.

Mr. Owens stated that without some of the information it would be tough to make a decision.

Mr. Cullum asked if the millage for municipalities would be increased; he stated that the City of Cayce handled his solid waste and if the municipality was going to continue to handle his garbage, the portion of taxes levied for that purpose by the county would be removed, but the millage would be maintained by the municipality then he would not really be affected, he would not be paying a user fee except for only through the municipality.

Mr. Derrick stated that the fee being charged by the municipality is for a pick up service; what was being discussed from the county's standpoint involved the convenience stations, the transfer station, the transport and disposal of the waste and that is part of what is being paid through the ad valorem tax and would be what you would continue to pay for or substitute that with a user fee. He stated that if you wanted to pay someone to pick up your garbage, that was your prerogative; pick up is franchised throughout the county and people can pay that in addition to; one does not take the place of the other.

Mr. Jeffcoat stated that he thought people would really get confused if there were two fees.

Mr. Derrick stated that there will be two fees - there would be a pickup fee which you would pay to the municipality or to the franchised collectors for pick up on the curb; citizens have the choice to carry the garbage to the convenience station for no charge or pay someone to pick it up.

Mr. Rucker asked if the fee would be based on how much trash a two, three, four-member family generates?

Mr. Derrick responded that Charleston County uses 1.5 tons per resident, a nationally accepted average.

Mr. Rucker commented, so whether its two or ten.

Mr. Derrick replied, that's right.

Mr. Derrick asked if Council wanted to expend enough time and resources to come up with some information or not?

Mr. Owens stated that if personal property taxes were going to be reduced by the amount collected from user fees, why would you do any better, he was not sure he didn't agree, it may be an exercise in futility; if we have enough resources to pay for it with the ad valorem tax, he was happy with it like it is, but if the issue was to generate more money in solid waste then that was another consideration and was something he thought needed to be known at budget time.

Mr. Wilkerson stated that he did not know if the issue was to generate more money, but it was also about everyone paying their fair share, rather than some paying more than their fair share.

Mr. Jeffcoat stated that Charleston did increase their revenue quite a bit.

Mr. Derrick stated that they had to because part of their system was the incinerator and the recycling. He stated that he didn't think any Council member was interested in creating or generating revenue, but wanted enough to pay for the system that is provided now, but it would be a redistribution of the burden - those paying 10% assessment would receive a big break; those in the \$100,000 house would be a wash; those in something

assessed at less than \$100,000 would take a hit.

Mr. Davis referred the matter to the Public Works Committee.

Mr. Davis - Impact Fee Discussion - Mr. Davis referred the item to the Planning and Administration Committee.

April Simun - State Newspaper - Mr. Davis stated that April Simun has decided to join the Peace Corps and will be leaving soon. He stated that Ms. Simun is a fine young lady and is to be commended on her actions, she would be missed and looked forward to seeing her again and hearing some stories about her service to mankind.

Administrator's Report - Extension of the Airport Connector - Brian Keys, SCDOT - Mr. Brooks introduced Brian Keys to discuss the extension of the airport connector.

Mr. Keys stated that about two years ago, the department entered into a feasibility study which discussed the possibility of connecting I-26 with I-20 on the southwestern side of town to the entire Lexington area. He stated that a copy of the completed report was provided to Mr. Compton. Mr. Keys stated that the John Hardee Airport Expressway is under construction right now, Phase I, widening, making a new interchange, providing better and less confusing access to getting around the airport area and that connects SC 302, Airport Boulevard, and goes over to Platt Springs Road. He stated that this project was expected to be completed in October 2003.

Mr. Wilkerson stated that at one time there were plans to go on up Ermine Road, down Old Barnwell and come out up on No. 1 towards I-20; that has been pretty much scrapped at this time, is that correct.

Mr. Keys responded that this was part of his presentation - Mr. Wilkerson was exactly right. He stated that there had been three public hearings throughout the process in order to get to the completed study. Mr. Keys stated that a consultant was selected to do Phase II and they introduced everyone to the concept of the John N. Hardee Intermodal Feasibility Study, they reviewed the key components, etc. He stated the primary purpose and need for this project has been defined as an intermode connector to improve access to the Columbia Metropolitan Airport by passengers and cargo handling vehicles; the project would improve the efficiency of the traffic network from the entire region on several roads - 302 and 321; and also provide for pedestrians and cyclists along all the facilities. Mr. Keys stated that Phase I which is underway right now is to provide improved access and relieve congestion on some of the existing roads in the Lexington area.

Mr. Keys stated that the study indicates that you only have enough money for Phase I and to study Phase II.

Mr. Wilkerson asked if there was not money at one time to do Phase II and Phase III.

Mr. Keys stated that there was a \$94 million apportionment right now and basically that would only take care of Phase I and the biggest parts of Phase II; there would be some money left over, but they felt like there was not enough money at this time. He stated that perhaps as late as six or seven years ago, there was a proposal to provide seven lanes from the 302/I-26 interchange all the way to the airport just to handle the anticipated traffic that's being generated there with the economic development, etc. Mr. Keys stated that the department had just completed widening 302 all the way to South Congaree. He stated the study defined that 302 would no longer need the seven lanes.

Mr. Keys stated that the study recommends a new interchange just north of the industrial area which includes Otis Spunkmeyer and in between the residential area going through mostly airport property over through the Airport Trade Zone and connecting; this would be a limited access type facility. He stated that they have also identified additional interstate work that would be necessary.

He stated that the engineering was underway, they have selected a consultant for the project, right-of-way plans and utility relocation plans should be ready in about a year; 2004 should begin the right-of-way process; construction falls to 2006 because of the way the federal money is appropriated and they expected the project to take a little over two years with four bridges and all the interstate work involved.

Mr. Davis stated that he appreciated Mr. Keys updating Council on the project.

Budget Amendments - Transfer of funds in fees to provide two criminal records operators working 25 hours per week in the Sheriff's Department to free up the process service in the amount of \$44,444.00;

Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of \$187,645; anticipated receiving \$17,355 in narcotics forfeiture funds, however, a large case was settled providing the Sheriff's Department with a check in the amount of \$196,452.03; therefore, increasing the appropriations accordingly;

Appropriation transfer in the amount of \$125,000 from Community and Economic Development Funds to cover the additional costs of new fire trucks; also transferring excess funds in the Happy Town Water/Fire Service Improvement Project to unclassified in the amount of \$23,694 to Fire Service in the amount of \$10,636;

Appropriation Transfer in the amount of \$10,000 from unclassified to appropriate funds to assist SwanseaNIC, Inc., in the renovation of a building at 800 South Brecon Street; allowable costs would be repairs to the roof, HVAC, plumbing repairs and renovation of work space.

Report from Mr. Rucker - Mr. Rucker stated that on behalf of Lexington County and County Council he was invited to participate in the FLW Bass Tournament, sponsored by Snickers, held two weeks ago. He was invited to fish with a pro, which he did, and he caught more fish than the pro - one, the pro caught none. Mr. Rucker stated that he had a

great time and it was amazing how many dollars the pros spend; there were 375 pros on Lake Murray on Wednesday and Thursday; on Friday and Saturday the ten top started all over again; the winner won \$100,000. The pro that finished fourth went to Santee a week later and won \$40,000. He stated that it was a great experience and the pros were glad to be here.

Legislation - Mr. Rucker stated that S.299 (concerning impact fees) expands the definition to include parking garages and related facilities.

He stated that another proposal is to add a \$25.00 fee to any court cost; in the past the counties and municipalities received their share; with this fee, there would be no share.

Mr. Rucker stated that there is a bill pending that would give the counties the option to pick up registration fees, license plates; the proposal still only includes \$1.00 per transaction. He added that according to Mr. Rowell, County Treasurer, it cost almost \$14.00 per transaction.

Mr. Rucker stated that Council members needed to talk with the legislators about what as going on - one interesting bill is the so-called "hog farm bill" in which it proposed that counties can not enact a law that supercedes state law.

Mr. Rucker asked that Council members be aware of what is being proposed; there were a number of bills that would have a tremendous impact on county government.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of February 25, 2003 - A motion was made by Mr. Carrigg and seconded by Mr. Owens that the Minutes of February 25, 2003 be approved as submitted.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion. No discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Owens	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Wilkerson
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Cullum	

Committee Reports - Public Works, B. Derrick, Chairman - Gaston Gardens (Private Road) - Mr. Derrick reported that the committee met on Tuesday, March 11, to consider a request from Mr. Doug Platt, Sr., that the County resume maintenance of a road named Gaston Gardens. Staff provided Mr. Platt the type of evidence he would need to submit in order for the county to make a determination on his request.

Mr. Kinard Pound, former County Commissioner, provided a signed affidavit which indicates the access roads were maintained by the county. Mr. Platt also provided an affidavit from Mr. Harvey Craft, former road maintenance supervisor for Lexington County. Mr. Craft signed an affidavit, however, in a hand written statement indicated he had filled in some holes with shovels of dirt, but had not scraped the roads with

machinery.

Upon consideration of the evidence, the committee voted to recommend to Council that the County resume maintenance of the road named Gaston Gardens.

Mr. Derrick added that Mr. Fechtel had done extensive investigation and found out that the county had, prior to home rule, maintained the road.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick and seconded by Mr. Rucker that the Committee Report be adopted and the county resume maintenance of Gaston Gardens Road.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Rucker	Mr. Wilkerson
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Owens
	Mr. Cullum	

Authorization to Apply for ISTE A Grant Funds - Sidewalk Project - Leaphart Road

- Mr. Derrick reported that during the afternoon committee meeting Mr. Fechtel requested authorization to apply for ISTE A grant funds for a sidewalk project along Leaphart Road from Mineral Springs to Dubbs Avenue. The total project is estimated at \$250,000; a 60/40 match with SCDOT funding \$150,000 and the county \$100,000 © funds could be used as the county's match).

Special Projects - C Fund Requests - Mr. Derrick stated that the Public Works Committee considered the proposal during the afternoon and the committee voted to recommend to Council that staff recommendations be approved. The grant projects included 13 sidewalk projects and projects requested by the Towns of Springdale, Irmo, Summit, Gilbert, Batesburg-Leesville and Pelion.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick and seconded by Mr. Rucker that the Committee Reports be approved and staff be authorized to proceed with the grant for ISTE A funds for the Leaphart Road project and the Special Projects C Fund Requests.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Rucker	Mr. Wilkerson
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Owens
	Mr. Cullum	

Planning and Administration, B. Rucker, Chairman - CDBG Program - Recommended Amendments to Action Plan/Recommended Action Plan 2003-04 -

Mr. Rucker reported that during the afternoon, the committee discussed staff requests to amend the CDBG Program for FY 01-02 and 02-03 and approve the FY 03-04 Action Plan. The Committee voted to recommend that Council approve staff recommendations:

Amend the Annual Action Plan for year 2001-02 to replace the expenditure of approximately \$561,850 Happy Town Sewer System with the construction/upgrade of a municipal water/fire service in the amount of \$527,520.

A motion was made by Mr. Rucker and seconded by Mr. Carrigg that the amendment for year 2001-02 be approved.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Owens
	Mr. Cullum	

Amend the Annual Action Plan for year 2002-03 currently approved amount of \$875,200 to include reprogramming \$125,000 in funds from Unclassified Activities and an additional \$8,004, which was remaining after completing other fire service purchases bringing the total amount for the program year 200-03 to \$1,008,204;

A motion was made by Mr. Rucker and seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat that the amendment for year 2002-03 be approved.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Owens
	Mr. Cullum	

Approve the Annual Action Plan for year 2003-04 in the amount of \$1,210,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Rucker and seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat that the Action Plan for year 2003-04 be approved.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Wilkerson	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Owens

Mr. Cullum

Economic Development, J. Jeffcoat, Chairman - Pass Through Grant Application - Lexington County Joint Municipal Water/Sewer Commission - Mr. Jeffcoat stated that during the afternoon committee meeting the Economic Development Committee considered a grant application for the Lexington County Joint Municipal Water/Sewer Commission to apply for a pass through grant from the State Budget and Control Board in the amount of \$20,000. The project to consist of a water main to supply water to Martin's Crossing Neighborhood. No match funds required. The Committee voted to recommend to Council that the grant application be approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat and seconded by Mr. Owens that the Committee Report be adopted and the grant application be approved.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Owens	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Wilkerson
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Cullum	

Justice, J. Carrigg, Chairman - Grant Application - Bulletproof Vest Program - Law Enforcement - Mr. Carrigg stated that the Justice Committee met during the afternoon to consider a grant application for Law Enforcement to apply for the Bulletproof Vest Grant in the amount of \$9,939. The grant will provide federal funds for 50% of the vests purchased up to the award amount anticipated to be \$4,969; matching funds of \$5,000 will be provided by the Law Enforcement budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Carrigg and seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat that the grant application for Bulletproof Vest for Law Enforcement be approved.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Wilkerson
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Owens
	Mr. Cullum	

Health and Human Services, J. Wilkerson, Chairman - MIRCI - Mental Illness Recovery Center, Inc. - Request for Designation as Transportation Provider in Lexington County for the Elderly and Handicapped - Mr. Wilkerson reported that during the afternoon Health and Human Services Committee meeting, a request from MIRCI was discussed for designation as a transportation provider in Lexington County for the elderly and handicapped. The Committee voted to recommend to Council that the

request be approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilkerson and seconded by Mr. Cullum that the Committee Report be adopted and MIRCI be designated as a transportation provider in Lexington County for the elderly and handicapped.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Wilkerson
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Owens	

Fire Service Fleet Replacement - Gilbert Fire Department - Mr. Wilkerson also reported that the Committee considered a request from the Gilbert Fire Department. The Department has raised \$56,000 to purchase a new 2003 Ford F450 with service body, wench, tank and pumping unit with a class A foam system. The vehicle will replace Service Truck 8, a 1986 model Chevrolet on which the county provides liability insurance, gas, grease and oil. The Department is requesting the county to provide the insurance and maintenance on the new vehicle.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilkerson and seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat that the Committee Report be adopted and the County provide insurance and maintenance on the new vehicle.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Davis	Mr. Wilkerson
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Rucker
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Owens
	Mr. Cullum	

Old Business/New Business - Health Services District Board Meeting - Mr. Davis stated that he would not be able to attend the Board meeting scheduled for March 27th and asked if someone would volunteer.

Mr. Owens volunteered to attend.

Holiday Schedule - Mr. Davis stated there had been an inquiry regarding the county's holiday schedule, in particular, Martin Luther King, Jr. He stated that holidays are addressed through the budget process and if there was to be discussion about the holidays it would be done at that time.

Personnel Search Committee - Assistant Clerk to Council - Mr. Rucker stated that the committee is meeting to make a recommendation for the Assistant Clerk to Council; the

first meeting was March 20, and another meeting would be held on March 27 and hopefully the committee would have something for full Council shortly.

Bid - Carpet - Law Enforcement - Mr. Davis asked the County Attorney if the executive session discussion on the bid could be deferred to March 25. Mr. Anderson responded yes. Mr. Davis announced that the matter would be deferred until March 25.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy K. Black
Clerk

George H. Smokey Davis
Chairman